



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, sexual assault is an intolerable crime that harms the survivor and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio National Guard's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program offers support to members who are survivors of sexual assault and empowers them to chart their own course for healing; and

WHEREAS, the program engages personnel in conversations about what sexual assault violence is, how to identify it, how to prevent it, and how to help survivors connect with crucial counseling and support services; and

WHEREAS, the program works year-round to encourage every person in the community to end sexual assault and to support survivors by providing prevention education and survivor empowerment information to all Ohio National Guard personnel; and

WHEREAS, the program has set an important example by forging collaborative relationships among support agencies and community organizations and acting to improve the quality of services for survivors of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and is observed in the military and civilian communities to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize

THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

on this 1st day of April 2021.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor